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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action dated September 5, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious over one or more of Marcus, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,295,484), Panescu, et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0078509), Maguire, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,514,249), Chandrasekaran, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,394,956) and Crowley, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,004,269). However, Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite a deflection wire anchored at a position that is about 70° to 120° relative to the direction that energy is emitted from the transducer to thereby deflect the distal end of the catheter in a direction generally transverse to the direction that energy is emitted from the transducer. None of Marcus, Panescu, Maguire, Chandrasekaran and Crowley teach or suggest such a feature. Although the Examiner rejected claim 14 (where this limitation originally appeared) over Marcus, Panescu and Maguire, the Examiner pointed to no excerpt in any of these references disclosing a deflection wire anchored at a position that is about 70° to 120° relative to the direction that energy is emitted from the transducer to thereby deflect the distal end of the catheter in a direction generally transverse to the direction that energy is emitted from the transducer. Indeed, none of these references teach or suggest such a deflection wire. Accordingly, independent claim 1, and all claims dependent therefrom, including claims 2-11, 15 and 16, are allowable over Marcus, Panescu, Maguire, Chandrasekaran and Crowley.

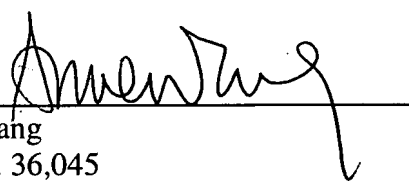
Claims 1-11, 15 and 16 now remain pending in this application, with claims 17-45 remaining withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to place the claims in condition for allowance, and has canceled claims 12-14. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims and drawings, and no new matter is presented. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of pending claims 1-11, 15 and 16 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore

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respectfully requests a timely indication of allowance. However, if there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's counsel at the number indicated below.

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